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South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., No. 100 Columbia, S.C. 29210

Dear Sirs:



S. C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I am writing to voice my concerns for the Duke Power proposed high transmission lines from Campobello, South Carolina to Asheville, North Carolina. Our part of the upstate has been beset

by many problems but this is one of the worst that could happen to our landscape. We are just beginning to see some activity with regards to real estate transactions and now have to deal with something that is totally a man made problem is just not acceptable.

Duke Power has said that the project will do little for the citizens of South Carolina, it's meant to benefit North Carolina and probably other states if truth be known.

The number one question I would like to have answered is why would Duke pay more than twice the Fair Market Value for the Substation Site on SC Highway 11 near I-26? And why was it sold to the Father of one of our Spartanburg County Council members without any public knowledge?

There appears no real reason for any of the decisions Duke has made except to find a way for its customers to pay them a 10% Annual Rate of Return for the Project and the Multi-Million dollar salaries of its President and other employees.

Why will Duke not release the studies for how/why this decision was made? Surely there were studies, if not why not?

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PSC SC MAIL / DMS Has Duke begun the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that would be required for a project of this scope, if so why has the public not been advised of this?

As representatives of the citizens of South Carolina please take these questions seriously and I look forward to hearing your answers, hopefully not a "one note" response.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Ruff

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